GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4468
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2000
CONSUMPTION OF STEEL
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the consumption of steel per capita in India is less than that of China, Japan and USA;

(b) if so, the per capita difference between India, China, Japan and USA; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the consumption of Steel in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per available information the present level of apparent consumption per capita of finished steel in India, China, Japan and USA for the year 1997 is as below:

India	China	Japan	USA
24 KG	87 KG	635 KG	422 KG

Source Statistical Year Book -98

(c) Government has taken several steps to increase the consumption of steel in the country. These include:-

- Higher allocation for infrastructure development in the last two budgets.

- Launching of a National Campaign to promote consumption of steel. The Campaign has identified specific products made of steel with high market potential such as storage bins to increase usage of steel in new areas like rural and agro based agricultural sector.

- Orienting product-mix to suit the market requirements and adjusting production in tune with change in the market demand.

- Developing and nourshing long term customers relationship by entering into MOU`s supply arrangement with the customers.

- An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine and assist specific Research and Development Projects to improve technology for steel making and enhance quality of Indian steel.